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# Forensic Science Residency Program



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# What is the Forensic Science Residency Program?

The Forensic Science Residency Program (FSRP) is part of the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) Master's Degree Program in Forensic Science. Created as a partnership between the UIC and the Illinois State Police (ISP), the FSRP encompasses the second year of a two-year Graduate Program in Forensic Science. Following the first year of classroom-based course work, the year-long FSRP provides hands-on experience in a specific forensic specialty area such as DNA. This hands-on experience is designed to prepare students for successful careers in an operational forensic laboratory.



## What are the eligibility requirements?

The UIC requires FSRP students to be registered for minimum number of credit hours (eight in the fall and spring; six in the summer). The UIC requires FSRP students to:

- read relevant materials to supplement lectures;
- successfully pass written, oral, and practical examinations;
- successfully complete the FSRP with a grade of *Satisfactory* in the academic course; and
- engage in meaningful didactic experiences during each full work week while under direction and/or supervision of a forensic science training coordinator.





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## **Who is the UIC contact for enrollment information or questions?**

Dr. Robert Gaensslen  
University of Illinois at Chicago  
Telephone: (312) 996-2250  
E-mail: [reg@uic.edu](mailto:reg@uic.edu)

## **Is financial assistance available?**

The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) has developed the Illinois Forensic Science Grant Program for qualified applicants. Students may be eligible for expenses up to \$30,000. Students must agree to a work commitment with the ISP for not less than four years upon graduation from the UIC. If students are offered a position by the ISP, failure to honor the work commitment requires students to repay the amount of the award, prorated, according to the fraction of the obligation not completed.



## Is there a contact for questions regarding financial assistance for the Forensic Science Grant Program?

ISAC - College Zone Counselors

Telephone: (312) 996-5735

EMAIL: [collegazon@isac.org](mailto:collegazon@isac.org)

## How is the ISP involved in the Forensic Science Residency Program?

In addition to the requirements set forth by the UIC, the following criteria have been established by the ISP.

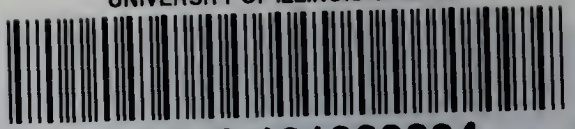
- Candidates must successfully complete and pass pre-selection procedures,



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including polygraph testing and a thorough background check. Failure to pass any component of the screening process will prevent acceptance into the FSRP.

- Students must successfully complete all modules of training and testing according to the academic guidelines set forth by the ISP. This includes passing quizzes, criterion tests, practical tests, and written/oral tests. Failure of more than one criterion or practical examination will result in dismissal from the FSRP.

## Who is the ISP contact for information?

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